



**ENGINEERS  
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### **Miles Pierce FIEAust CPEng**

Miles grew up in Geelong and in 1962 completed a Diploma of Electrical Engineering course at the Gordon Institute of Technology, followed by a bachelor degree (BE) at Melbourne University under the 'block exemption scheme'. Most of his professional career from 1965 was with Gutteridge Haskins & Davey, later GHD Consulting Engineers, where he rose to become Principal Electrical Engineer in the Victoria region. He retired from full-time practice at the end of 2003.

Miles has had a long-term interest in history and heritage and joined the committee of E A Victoria Division Engineering Heritage Group in the 1990s. He served as Deputy Chairman of Engineering Heritage Victoria (EHV) from 2005 to 2009 and as Chairman from 2010 to 2012.

During his time as Chairman Miles facilitated a substantial increase in the tempo of EHV activities and commenced an ambitious project to develop a database of short descriptions of significant engineering heritage sites in Victoria. He also initiated and has taken an active involvement in the production of a public brochure on engineering heritage in Central Melbourne.

He has been the Victorian representative on the National Board of Engineering Heritage Australia since May 2010.

Miles has participated in a number of EHA Conferences and has authored or co-authored four notable papers on the history and heritage of early public electricity supply and water hydraulic power systems that have been published in EHA journals. His particular engineering heritage interests are in steam and hydro power systems and early pumping plants.

He is also a member of the Newcomen Society and the International Stationary Steam Engine Society (ISSES) and has written several articles for Newcomen Links magazine and the ISSES Bulletin.

Miles' other interests include speleology where he is a former President of the Australian Speleological Federation and a life member of the Victorian Speleological Association. He continues to be actively involved in cave exploration, documentation and management.

Miles has actively promoted Engineering Heritage in the wider community by presenting talks to a range of community groups and has also been closely involved in efforts to preserve and interpret several significant engineering heritage sites in Victoria. He remains active in the Engineering Heritage movement.

